

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

CLAIMS

- 1 1. (Cancelled)
- 1 2. (Cancelled)
- 1 3. (Previously Presented) A device to immobilize the head, neck and upper torso of
2 a patient, the device comprising:
 - 3 a) a first substrate for adapted to support the back of the patient's head;
 - 4 b) a second substrate in communication with the first substrate, whereby the
5 second substrate is adapted to encircle the patient's neck and wherein the
6 second substrate defines an aperture with a reversible closure adapted to
7 receive a tracheal tube imbedded in the patient without contacting the
8 tracheal tube; and
 - 9 c) a third substrate in communication with the second substrate, whereby the
10 third substrate is adapted to contact the patient's chest.
- 1 4. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein the first
2 substrate defines an aperture to facilitate access to the patient's cervical spine
3 area.
- 1 5. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein the first
2 substrate, the second substrate and the third substrate are integrally molded to
3 each other.

- 1 6. (Cancelled)
- 1 7. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein the first
2 substrate, the second substrate and the third substrate are transparent.
- 1 8. (Previously Presented) A device to immobilize the head, neck and upper torso of
2 a patient, the device comprising:
3 a) a first substrate adapted to support the back of the patient's head wherein
4 said first substrate is in slidable communication with a pliable material
5 adapted to contact an occipital skull region of the patient;
6 b) a second substrate in communication with the first substrate, whereby the
7 second substrate is adapted to encircle the patient's neck; and
8 c) a third substrate in communication with the second substrate, whereby the
9 third substrate is adapted to contact the patient's chest.
- 1 9. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 further comprising an
2 arcuate-shaped substrate in pivotal communication with said second substrate
3 whereby the arcuate-shaped substrate is adapted to receive the patient's chin.
- 1 10. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein said first
2 substrate allows visual inspection of the patient's ears.
- 1 11. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein said third
2 substrate is adapted to extend at least as low as the patient's second rib.
- 1 12.-14. (Cancelled)
- 1 15. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein at least one
2 substrate comprises cushioning materials.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein at least one
2 substrate comprises one or more tubes.

1 17. (Original) The device as recited in claim 9 wherein said arcuate substrate defines
2 an angle with respect to the second substrate and wherein the device further
3 comprises means to adjust said angle.

1 18. (Original) The device as recited in claim 9 wherein said arcuate substrate defines
2 a distance with respect to the first substrate and wherein the device further
3 comprises means to adjust said distance.

1 19. (Cancelled)

1 20. (Previously Presented) A device for simultaneously immobilizing a person's skull,
2 cervical vertebrae, and mandible, the device comprising:

3 a) a first substrate which is adapted to extend from an occipital region of the
4 skull to the first thoracic vertebrae of the person;

5 b) a second substrate communicating with the first substrate and extending
6 in a direction anterior to the person, whereby the second substrate is
7 adapted to encircle the neck of the person and wherein the second
8 substrate defines an aperture having a removable continuous periphery;
9 and

10 c) a means for immobilizing the first and second substrates to a backboard.

1 21. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 further comprising one or
2 more means for removably securing the device to a backboard.

- 1 22. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 21 wherein the securing
- 2 means comprises an elongated substrate having a first end attached to the first
- 3 substrate of the device and a second end adapted to be removably fastened to
- 4 the backboard.